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Dear Mr. Bishop:

Thank you for your letter of 31 July 1969 advising of the proposed action by your clients against Ames Auto Wrecking Dump. The action is proposed, according to your letter, because of the manner in which Ames Auto Wrecking, Inc., is using their property as a dump.

The United States has a contract with the Ames Auto Wrecking, Inc., for the disposal of waste generated by the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. The Government has, however, no control over the contractor's property, nor the jurisdiction to regulate its operation outside federal property.

The contract in question does provide that the contractor be licensed, and that he comply with all Federal, State and Municipal laws, codes and regulations. However, the determination of whether the contractor is in violation of the law and the enforcement thereof is a matter for local authorities and is not within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

On 11 August 1969, Mr. J. A. Weigel, Director of the Division of Environmental Sanitation for Kitsap County, was in contact with this office concerning the Ames Auto Wrecking Dump. He stated that he was meeting with the County Commissioners later in the day to consider action that should be taken in regards to the dump operation. He was furnished information concerning the amount of refuse being hauled to the dump from the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

Your consideration in advising the Navy of the present controversy is appreciated. The Navy will cooperate with the local authorities in resolving this matter to the fullest extent possible.

Very truly yours,

bc: (w/cy of 31 Jul 69 ltr)
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